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Hongkong, 11th March, 1898. [382]

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T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 4th May, 1898. [383]

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Hongkong, 1st August, 1898. [384]

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T. H. WHITEHEAD,
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Hongkong, 2nd June, 1898. [385]

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Hongkong, 30th November, 1897. [386]

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The Tenders to state the total amount required

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E. H. GORGES,

Colonel,

Chief Paymaster, China.

Her Majesty's Treasury Office,

Queen's Road,

Hongkong, 4th May, 1898. [389]

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LONDON Formosa A. G. Cubitt, R.N.R. About 14th May ... Freight or Passage.
LONDON, &c. Coronado & F. N. Tillard Noon, 14th May ... Freight or Passage.
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*(Passing through the Inland Sea).
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A. M. MARSHALL, Acting Superintendent,

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1898. [35]

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Hongkong, 28th May, 1898. [28]

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Hongkong, 17th December, 1897. [29]

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CHAU TSEUNG FAT,
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HEAD OFFICE,
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Hongkong, 26th May, 1898. [30]

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Hongkong, 10th February, 1898. [36]

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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, FRIDAY, MAY 6, 1898.

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Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [30]

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We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1897. [7]

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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MAY 6, 1898.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

THE SPANISH AMERICAN WAR.

London, May 4th.

There is still no further news from Manila. The bulk of the American fleet blockading Havana suddenly went to Key West and after coaling, sailed, it is supposed with the purpose of encountering the Spanish fleet. The swiftest cruisers are searching the Atlantic. The Naval Board has decided that the Spanish Squadron must be destroyed before Havana is captured.

The *Times* correspondent at New York states that President McKinley has determined to retain the Philippines until the close of the war, when if Spain fails to pay an indemnity, the Islands will be sold to a European power, probably to Great Britain.

SPAIN.

Wild scenes have occurred in the Madrid Chamber. Sefior Sagasta was fiercely attacked on account of the Manila disaster and the unpreparedness of Spain in spite of the immense Colonial credits.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. *Swift* arrived here from Kudat this morning.

SEVEN trespassers on Crown lands were to-day fined \$2 each.

The Russian contract for armous plates, recently given to the Carnegie mills, is for two armoured gunboats.

FOR behaving in a disorderly manner, the cook of Mr. A. Rodriguez was to-day fined \$10 in default one month.

THE Prince of Wales is energetically learning bicycle riding at the Rivers, accompanied by an instructor and an equerry.

A CHINAMAN, who attempted to assault another with a knife, in the Navy Yard, was to-day fined \$25 in default two months' hard labour.

THE *Hai-Shen*, the third of the three Chinese protected cruisers of 2950 tons, was launched at Stettin, February 18th. The contract delivery of these three ships will be exceeded by nearly six months.

H.M.S. *Rainbow* left here for home this afternoon and on steaming out of the harbour the crews of H.M. ships in port cheered their comrades most heartily, the men on the *Rainbow* replying with equal enthusiasm.

CONTRACT for an armoured cruiser of 7700 tons, to be named *Khaber*, has been given to the Chantiers et Ateliers de la Gironde Company. The ship is to be delivered in fifty-one months, dating from December 1st of last year, and to be ready for her official test three months later.

THE amount of love lost between France and Germany may be estimated from the following telegram:—London, March 30th.—Speaking at Chalons yesterday, General Pelleure said that France had better rifles and cannon than Germany, and would be able to set up her own opportunity for striking in retaliation.

A CURIOUS example of red tape is reported from India. Colour Sergeant Walker of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, who was kept a prisoner by the Afghans for six weeks, was tried by court-martial on his return to his regiment for "being absent without leave." He was, of course, acquitted, but, grotesque as it may seem, was ordered to forego his pay for the time he was away.

THE whole of the troops in Garrison were this morning taken down to Happy Valley for a rehearsal of the Queen's Birthday review. The King's Own went out with their fife and drums playing familiar marching airs and the Hongkong regiment also made the pace a many one. The men did the various marches past in good style and the show on the 24th promises to be one well worth seeing.

A CURIOUS official notice respecting a dead body appears in the Dutch newspapers. The police give notice that a man has drowned himself in the Rhine, and they offer a reward for the recovery of his body. This is the description:—"Age about forty, height five feet eight inches. Speaks the dialect of Gelderland." People are wondering how the last indication will help them in the search.

THE funeral of the late Miss Ireland (Sister Gertrude) took place yesterday and was largely attended, among those present being His Honour Sir J. W. Cauglin (Chief Justice), Hon. T. Sercombe Smith, Hon. R. Murray Ramsey, Hon. F. H. May and Hon. R. D. Ormby and a number of ladies. The body was taken in a launch to Bowrington whence it was carried by members of the Police Force. Drs. Atkinson, Bell, and Lowson and other members of the Hospital staff walked by the side of the coffin, and the Sisters followed in the rear.

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General Cargos. W. Suez. TEs.
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New York ex London 42/6 45/- 52/6
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Kongkong ex London 42/6 45/- 52/6
Manchester 47/6 50/- 57/6

Liverpool 42/6 45/- 52/6
Hamburg 35/- 37/6 45/-

Above rates are subject to a deferred rebate, per Conference Circular.

PLAGUE regulations have been ordered against arrivals from Jeddah, where three deaths from the plague have occurred.

A BOATMAN was to-day charged with neglecting to exhibit a light on his boat in the harbour. He was fined \$10 or one month.

INSPECTOR Hanson and a party of police raided a house in Hollywood Road last night and begged four gamblers. The first two were fined \$25 each or two months and the others were fined \$15 or fourteen days.

ANVILS received at Jamaica from Port au Prince, Hayti, report a terrible financial condition there. The premium on gold is 220 per cent. The greatest misery and starvation prevails in the interior, and flour costs \$30 a barrel.

THE British torpedo-boat destroyer, *Surgeon*, has come to grief. During a protracted sea trip something went wrong and she came into Portsmouth under the starboard engine. An examination revealed the fact that the shaft of the port propeller had broken off and that the shaft was bent and twisted, the rudder smashed and the hull badly damaged.

THE Paris Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has given a legacy of 3000,000 francs from Mme. Chasseigne, who was a noted demi-mondaine under the second empire. The conditions attached are that precautions shall be taken to prevent the ill treatment of horses, and an effort made to improve the condition of the public pounds.

THE French line steamer *La Bretagne*, which sailed from Havre took 102 carrier pigeons with the view of testing the possibility of establishing communication with the shore in case of accident. If the experiment is successful all steamers of the French line will hereafter carry pigeons. The experiment is viewed with great interest, though sceptically.

THE Band of the K. O. L. Regiment will play the following programme, at the Officers' Mess this evening, commencing at 8 o'clock:

1. Overture "Pride." 2. Selections from "Mignon." 3. "Valerie." 4. Intermission. 5. "Cavallerie Rustique." 6. "Marche des Dragons." 7. "Dance of the Indians." 8. "Dance of the Indians." 9. "Dance of the Indians." 10. "God Save The Queen."

A CURIOUS effect of hard cycling is reported from France. Out of the 1st batch of cyclists no fewer than eight widely known cyclists were rejected as being physically incapable of military duty. Diseases of the heart were the chief reasons for their rejection. This causes profound astonishment, all classes thinking them at least fit to be accepted as military cyclists.

A PAIR of sheetings 250 feet in length, to 110 tons, are to be erected at the Devonport dockyard. The cost of the sheets and machinery will be £3,000. The item recalls the fact that a similar work was accomplished at the Mare Island Navy Yard U.S. in 1887, where the sheeting and machinery were built in the department of steam engineering under Chief Engineer Kutz, for the sum of £11,950.

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It is positively asserted that there has been a good deal of plague in the Italian Convent but on enquiry at the Convent to-day it was denied.

During the 24 hours up to noon, 5th May, 10 new cases and 6 deaths from plague were reported, making the total since 1st January (123 days) 509 cases and 566 deaths.

COMPLIMENT TO MR. N. J. EDE.

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board this afternoon the Capt. Superintendent of Police, Mr. F. H. May said that before proceeding with the business he begged leave as the oldest member of the Board to remind the Board that this was the last meeting at which they would have the co-operation of Mr. Ede. For the last 13 years Mr. Ede had been a member of the Board and he begged that the Board never possessed a more industrious and hard working member than Mr. Ede. In Mr. Ede the Board had an industrious member and a member who brought to the working of the Board a keen intelligence and more than ordinary tact and discretion. To his wise counsel and to his practical knowledge of the Colony and human affairs in general the Board owed a great deal and was also indebted for his valuable services in dealing with many difficult points that came before it. He thought that the Board would suffer a very severe loss when Mr. Ede left them and he felt sure that it would be found very difficult to replace him on the Board. He begged leave to move the following resolution:

That this board desires to express its great regret at losing the services of Mr. Ede and wishes to convey to Mr. Ede great appreciation of the valuable assistance he has rendered to the Board during the many years he has devoted himself to the cause of sanitation in this colony.

Dr. J. M. Atkinson said he had much pleasure in seconding the motion. Although he had not been associated with Mr. Ede as long as the last President had been, and although they had not always been in accord, yet for sound common sense and knowledge of business habits he was sure they could not have a better member on the Board.

The motion was put to the meeting and was carried unanimously.

Mr. Ede, in reply said:—Mr. President, My May and gentlemen—I feel highly honoured by the very flattering resolution which you have just passed with regard to my services on this Board and I thank the mover and seconder of the resolution for the very complimentary terms in which they

MR. BALFOUR ON THE CHINA QUESTION.

LONDON, April 6th.
In the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. A. J. Balfour, Acting Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, made his promised statement regarding the policy of the Government in the Far East and what came of it. He stated that the impossibility of submitting papers during the continuance of negotiations, combined with the extraordinary and unaccountable paralysis of China, had provoked attacks upon the Government. Her Majesty's Ministers had, however, adhered strictly to the policy announced by Sir (Mr. Balfour) at Manchester on January 11th. He had said on that occasion that Great Britain's interests in that quarter of the globe were of a commercial rather than of a territorial character, and that while the Government desired freedom of trade with China for the whole world, she would resist all attempts on the part of other Powers to destroy what he described as "an equality of opportunity to all countries." In pursuance of that policy Great Britain had, said Mr. Balfour, already obtained great commercial concessions. Germany's interests he continued, were absolutely identical with those of Great Britain, while, with regard to Russia, the Government did not believe that that country would in any way interfere with Britain's trade rights, while her policy or railway extension to Manchuria and of open ports was calculated to prove highly beneficial to commerce. If Russia remained satisfied with the occupation of China's ports which were either ice-bound or held under conditions which required freedom of trade, the balance of power would be undisturbed. Believing that the occupation of Port Arthur by Russia would prove a constant menace to Pekin, Lord Salisbury had offered that if Russia would agree to abstain from occupying that port, Great Britain would not seek to occupy any port in the Gulf of Pe-chi-ll. Russia, however, refused to agree to this proposal, with the result that Great Britain had secured a lease of Wei-hai-wei on the same terms and conditions as those upon which Russia had occupied Port Arthur. Regarding the relative strategical merits of Port Arthur and Wei-hai-wei, Mr. Balfour expressed the view that, although the latter possessed less natural strength, it was capable of accommodating larger ships and a larger Military and Naval force. Moreover by the occupation of Wei-hai-wei by Great Britain in the Gulf of Pe-chi-ll, was prevented from falling under Russia's undisputed domination and control. In conclusion, Mr. Balfour said the Government were hopeful of the Chinese Empire being opened to universal trade, and that Great Britain would still maintain a real supremacy over the country. Falling this, the Powers, commercially interested, might conclude Mr. Balfour, he counted upon to constitute an alliance which would prevent China from falling a prey to the exclusive interests of any Power. At the conclusion of his voluminous statement Mr. Balfour was greeted with loud cheers.

Sir William Harcourt, the leader of the Opposition, replying to Mr. Balfour's statement regarding affairs in Eastern Asia, declared that the Government had abandoned its policy of "equality of opportunity" in favour of one of "racial occupation."

Mr. G. N. Carson, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, said that Wei-hai-wei was a favourable port for observation, and that, therefore, its occupation would facilitate the policy of the open door.

Confirming, he said that Russia had explicitly admitted the right of British warships to enter Port Arthur.

He added that the British occupation of Wei-hai-wei had not disturbed either Japan or Germany.

Sir Edward Grey, who was Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in the last Liberal administration, contended that the occupation of Wei-hai-wei would prove extremely expensive, and he doubted whether, at any cost, its occupation would prove to have restored that balance of power which had previously existed.

Lord Charles Beresford, Conservative member for York, on the other hand, held that the acquisition by Britain of Wei-hai-wei would prove an excellent counterpoise to Russia's occupation of Port Arthur.

The debate was then adjourned till the 18th instant.

The Duke of Devonshire in a speech has stated that Port Arthur gave Russia a strategic sea advantage and by its means she menaced Pekin. The occupation of Wei-hai-wei by Britain would lessen China's apprehensions. At China's request her warships would be allowed facilities at Wei-hai-wei and Britain had consented to train her Naval officers.

Lord Kimberley says that the dismemberment of China is inevitable.

GYMKHANA PROGRAMME.

The following is the programme for the second Gymkhana Meeting, 1898 season:-

FIVE FURLONGS, for China ponies; weight as per scale with 4 lbs. added; winners of a Steeplechase at this season's Gymkhana, once 5 lbs.; twice or thrice, 10 lbs. extra, 1st prize, \$50 and prize, \$10; 3rd, when his entrance, entrance, \$3; **HURDLES RACES**, start at two miles post, once once round and in, over 8 fms. of hurdles; for China ponies; weight as per scale with 7 lbs. added; winners of a Steeplechase at this season's Gymkhana, once 5 lbs.; twice or thrice, 10 lbs. extra, 1st prize, \$50 and prize, \$10; 3rd, when his entrance, entrance, \$3;

ONCE ROUND HANDICAP, for subscription ponies, of any season; 1st entrance, \$1; 2nd, after a pm. on Wednesday, 18th May, 1898, \$3; 3rd entrance, \$1; 1st prize, presented by Hon. C. P. Chater, C.M.G. and prize, \$10; 3rd, saves his entrance.

POLO PONY RACE.—From the Winning Post, round a post at the distance, laying it to the left, and in; for all bond polo Ponies, to be ridden by their owners. Catch weights, Entrance, \$1, 1st Prize, Presented by Dr. Atkinson, 2nd Prize, \$15; 3rd, saves his entrance.

LADIES' NOMINATION.—Presented by Messrs. Babington and Hough, Base-ball race.—At the fall of the Flag, competitors mount opposite the Judge's Box—Ladies, whom they are nominated, at the same time commencing to sketch a pig. Ride to the Distance post, round a Flag, keeping it on the left hand, return to the Winning Post, dismount, ride over the Course again, observing the same rule when rounding the Flag, and finish opposite the Winning post. Points for speed and drawing. Competitors whose sketches are adjudicated have to forfeit points.

FROM TWO MILE POST ONCE ROUND AND IN.—For China ponies. Weight as per scale. Winners of any furlong race, 1898, once 5 lbs.; twice or thrice, 10 lbs. or heavier, 14 lbs. extra. Subscription Criticis, non-resident, all paid to Sir John Astorius, \$3; 1st Prize, Presented by Sir John Astorius, \$10; 2nd Prize, \$50; 3rd, saves his entrance.

IN MEMORIAM.

Sister Frances, died 29th April, 1898.
Sister Gertrude, died 5th May, 1898.
Not in the noise of battle, but in sadder silent strife,
These brave and noble heroines were swiftly
robbed of life, Fearlessly facing the stealthy strength of deadly
plague they fell.
Helpless to save themselves, who helped to save
so many well.
And now is that calm, holy spot, they sleep
beneath the soft earth.
For there is none to trouble them, and none for
whom to toll.
There their clay lies while their souls rest in
Paradise Sublime.
Until that solemn judgment day which may
come any time.
There to receive a crown from their Master
and their Friend.
And to live with Him in glory for a life which
cannot end,
Where Cherubim and Seraphim around a glassy
sea,
Are casting down their golden crowns, Oh!
Blessed Lord to Thee
With thousands of blessed martyrs all in spotless robes are y'd.
For they blessed their Saviour when on bed
of suffering laid
And now they slumber softly in the place which
God has blest
Where the wicked cease from troubling and the
weary are at rest.

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TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT.

Date at On date at
10 a.m. 4 p.m.

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TO-DAY.

Friday, 6th May, 1898.

(St. John)

Chinsea—16th of Int. 3rd moon of 24th year of Kuei-chen.

Jewish—14th Yahr, 5658.

Mohammedan—14th Dulheggia, 1815.

Sun-Rises 5hr. 55min.
Sets 8hr. 55min.

Moon—Full Moon 8hr. 10min. p.m.

High water—Morning 8hr. 15min.
Afternoon 8hr. 5min.

Low water—Morning 8hr. 7min.
Afternoon 8hr. 24min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1874—Attack on Mr. Wood at the British Legation, Tokio.

1882—Picton Park murder.

1892—Peking-Fusang collision in the Yangtze.

1897—Phansia captured by the Turks.

TO-MORROW.

Saturday, 7th May, 1898.

Chinsea—27th of Int. 3rd moon of 24th year of Kuei-chen.

Jewish—15th Yahr, 5658.

Mohammedan—15th Dulheggia, 1815.

Sun-Rises 5hr. 55min.
Sets 8hr. 55min.

Moon—Full Moon 8hr. 10min. p.m.

High water—Morning 8hr. 15min.
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ANNIVERSARIES.

1842—Earthquake at St. Domingo; 10,000 lives lost.

1847—Earl of Roseberry born.

1868—Lord Brougham died.

1875—Jacau gave the southern half of Saghalien to Russia to exchange for the Kurile Islets.

1891—Governor Sir Wm. de Vos left for England.

1891—Arrival of the Hongkong Regiment.

1897—Macao declared a free port.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE:

French (Varro) 9th Inst.

American (Piers) 10th Inst.

Canadian (Empress of Japan) 11th Inst.

Indian (Sutlej) 12th Inst.

Australian (Atria) 13th Inst.

Tacoma (Olympia) 14th Inst.

America (City of Rio de Janeiro) 28th Inst.

THE P. & O. steamer *Japan*, from China, arrived in London yesterday morning, the 5th instant.

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THE N. G. I. steamer *Hornblower* left Singapore for this port this morning, the 6th, and may be expected here on or about the 12th inst.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamer *Empress of Japan*, from Vancouver arrived at Kobe at 6 p.m. yesterday, the 5th, and left again at midnight, for Hongkong via Nagasaki and Shanghai.

HONGKONG AND WEIHOA DOCK RETURNS,

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Maths " "

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Sangkang " "

PASSED THE CANAL.

OUTWARD—Winning Post Hall, 15th March—
Bullmouth, Adra, 18; *Neddy Nyassa*,
Trottocks, 22; *Chingwo*, *Tasik*, *Trem*,
Ham, 25; *Bawabwa*, *Flintlock*, *Morven*,
Ston, 29; *Nobis*, *Oterspool*, 1st April—*Mar-*
gut, *Bacchus*, *Myrmidon*, 5; *Ghosh*,
Krithmild, *Armenta*, *Iadrak*, *Riburn*, Un-
dulated, 12; *Java*, *Nestor*, *Yarra*, *Egyp-*
tain, *Castile*, *Falldon Hall*, 15; *Bronzite*,
Admiral, 20; *Maria Valeria*, *Oak Branch*, 21;
Sydney, *Vindobona*, *Lobian*, 26.

HOMEWARD—*Pinguin*, *Dromed*, 20th March—*Amphitrite*, April 1; *Natal*, *St. Helena*, *Lyd-*
er, *Armenia*, *Bravo*, *Cyrus*, *Hyacinth*, 21;
Orion, 29; *Bayard*, *Japan*, *Campan*, 22.

IN MEMORIAM.

GOOD FOOD—GOOD DIGESTION—

GOOD CHEER.

"Moral character is located in the stomach," says a recent writer. He is wrong; but there is a shade of truth in the idea he throws out. Napoleon was often willing to trust others to look after the arms and ammunition of his armies, but the commissary department he looked after himself. The bravest men won't fight unless they are fed, he said. Nor will they.

That's why we are not surprised to find Mr. William Jones saying that at a certain time he was in a low and despondent state of mind. He gives the reason himself in three words. "I was weak." And why was he weak? He explains that, too.

"I was always strong and healthy," he says, "up to January 1898. Then I had a severe attack of influenza, followed by congestion of the lungs. I never got my strength back, and I was low, week, and desponding. I had a bad taste in the mouth, my appetite was poor, and every morsel of food I took gave me intense pain at my chest. Not only was I sick, vomiting a green filthy fluid, which was often mixed with blood.

We shall have no trouble to understand this special phase of Mr. Jones' illness. The green, filthy fluid was mucus mingled with bile, and the blood came from some of the small blood-vessels, which were ruptured in retching and straining. The bile was out of its place; that's why nature tried to get rid of it. But how did it get out of its place? Well, it will come to that presently.

"I had," continues our friend, "dreadful attacks of cramp in the stomach, and the gnawing pain was well nigh unbearable. At night I got but little rest; sometimes none at all—cold, clammy sweats breaking out all over me, and in the morning I had barely the strength to raise myself. When I went out of doors my breathing was so bad I had to stop and rest every few yards.

[The cramp was caused by the gas arising from the fermented food, and the short breathing by a partial paralysis of the nerves, created by the poisonous acids which had entered the blood from the stomach. The nerves were also enfeebled by the enforced starvation—like all the rest of the body.]

"As month after month went by," says Mr. Jones, "my relatives and friends could see me wasting away, and apparently sinking into the grave. I became thin as a lath, and you could see through my hands. My legs and face were attenuated to the extreme, and as for my muscles they seemed to be all completely gone."

"Now, however, as when people waste away, the fat goes first, and the muscles and other tissues last, you can perceive how far advanced in a decline our friend really was."

"Yet I continued in this condition," he says, "altogether for over seventeen months. I was attended off and on, by four doctors, but their medicines had no good effect on me. I also used tonic and cod-liver oil, but to no purpose.

"In June of this year (1898) I first read of Mother Seigle's Syrup, and my wife got me a bottle from Mr. Cole, the grocer, at Grosvenor. After taking it a few days I was relieved, my appetite improved, and the sickness (the nausea) left me. Keeping on with the Syrup I gained strength every day, and in a month I could walk and ride, and was soon as well and strong as ever. Our remedy saved my life, and I wish others to know it. You can refer enquiries to me. (Signed) William Jones, Bridge Inn, Kent church, Pontefract, Yorkshire, October 31st, 1898.

The case of Mr. Jones and his recovery as set forth by him are well known in his neighbourhood. His wife says that one of the doctors told her that all hope was gone. But happily the doctor was mistaken, as the wisest of us sometimes are. His disease was chronic inflammatory dyspepsia, and that only. But that was enough, misery knows, and a fatal end to it was not far off when Mother Seigle's Curative Syrup had a chance to do its healing work.

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